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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO TEXTILE BILATERAL AGREEMENT

FOR WILLIAM HARBIN

1. THE AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND EXCHANGE NOTES AMENDING COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT IF FOLLOWING TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO RTG WITHOUT CHANGE. ANY CHANGES REQUESTED BY RTG MUST BE TELEGRAPHED FOR APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS (CITA) WASHINGTON.

2. ADVISE BY TELEGRAM WHEN NOTES EXCHANGED WITH NAME AND TITLE OF THAI SIGNATORY. EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT SIGNED ORIGINALS OF THAI NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPIES OF EMBASSY'S NOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 735.

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3. TEXT OF NOTE AS FOLLOWS:

EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES DATED MARCH 16, 1972, AND TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING EXPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM THAILAND TO THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, I PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT BE AMENDED AS PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE ADDED TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE AGREEMENT: "FOR THE THIRD AGREEMENT YEAR ONLY, WHICH BEGINS APRIL 1, 1974, EXPORTS OF PRODUCTS IN GROUP I SHALL BE SUBJECT ONLY TO THE AGGREGATE LIMIT, AND THE SPECIFIC LIMITS IN GROUP I SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS CONSULTATION LEVELS. IN THE EVENT THAT EXPORTS FROM THAILAND TO THE UNITED STATES ARE ABOUT TO EXCEED SUCH CONSULTATION LEVELS DURING THE THIRD AGREEMENT YEAR, THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR INCREASES IN THE CONSULTATION LEVELS. SUCH A REQUEST WILL BE SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED STATES.

B. "THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE SHALL BE ADDED TO PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE AGREEMENT:" IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PARAGRAPH, IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT TO DIVIDE EVENLY OVER THE AGREEMENT YEAR THOSE EXPORTS WHICH REQUIRE A DIFFERENT PACE OF AUTHORIZATION DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS."

C. THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE SHALL BE ADDED TO PARAGRAPH 8:" IN THE THIRD AGREEMENT YEAR ONLY, IF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT ACTUAL TRADE HAS DEVELOPED IN A MANNER WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT THE AGGREGATE LIMIT WILL PREVENT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE OCCUR, THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO INCREASE THE AGGREGATE LIMIT BY 2 MILLION SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT. SUCH INCREASE SHALL BE USED FOR EXPORTS IN GROUP I ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN COMPUTING ANY ADJUSTMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 (SWING), PARAGRAPH 8 (GROWTH) OR PARAGRAPH 9 (CARRYOVER). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SHALL BE ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT: "19. "THAI ITEMS" OR HANDICRAFT ITEMS, CERTIFIED AS SUCH BY THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE AGREED DEFINITIONS, SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PURVIEW OF THIS AGREEMENT. 'THAI ITEMS' OR HANDICRAFT ITEMS ARE DEFINED AS THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE UNIQUELY AND HISTORICALLY TRADITIONAL THAI PRODUCTS CUT, SEWN OR

OTHERWISE FABRICATED BY HAND IN COTTAGES, WHICH ARE UNITS OF THE COTTAGE INDUSTRY. A LIST OF SUCH ITEMS WITH DEFINITIONS, IDENTIFIED AND MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT. ADDITIONAL ITEMS MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE ADDED TO THE LIST BY

MUTUAL AGREEMENT. A CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 14 OF THIS AGREEMENT.

"IN THE EVENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FINDS THAT ANY PARTICULAR PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM

THAILAND AS "THAI ITEMS" SHOULD NOT BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED AS SUCH, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION.

"IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSIDERS THAT SHIPMENTS OF ANY THAI ITEM OR ITEMS MAY RAISE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE DISRUPTION OF THE UNITED STATES MARKET FOR COTTON TEXTILES, IT MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION. UNTIL A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION IS REACHED, EXPORTS FROM THAILAND TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE THAI ITEM OR ITEMS IN QUESTION SHALL BE LIMITED FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION. THE LIMIT SHALL BE 105 PERCENT OF THE EXPORTS OF SUCH ITEMS FROM THAILAND TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MOST RECENT 12-MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR WHICH STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS."

"20. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AGREE TO NEGOTIATE A NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT DURING THE THIRD AGREEMENT YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 1, 1974. THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL COVER TRADE IN COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES. PENDING COMPLETION OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF MAN-MADE FIBER AND WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES."

IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERN-

MENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE
ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT SHALL CONSTITUTE
AN AMENDMENT OF THE COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY
EXCHANGES OF NOTES SIGNED MARCH 16, 1972.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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